

Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize BluMine Health, LLC of Louisville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Headquartered in Louisville, KY, BluMine Health began operations 6 years ago as Alternative Health Solutions. Led by Michael Dees, BluMine Health was established to meet a demand for individualized, easily accessible medical care. Through its direct primary care—DPC—model, BluMine Health provides local businesses with affordable healthcare services. As an alternative to fee-for-service insurance billing, BluMine Health's DPC charges employers a flat monthly per-employee fee. This fee covers primary care services, including clinical and laboratory services, consultative services, and comprehensive care management. DPC allows family physicians to care for the whole person, reducing the overhead and negative incentives associated with fee-for-service third-party-payer billing. Through onsite care clinics and shared on-site care centers, BluMine Health provides a practical alternative to the third-party insurance coverage system.

Today, BluMine Health has become a regional leader in direct primary care. They continue serving communities across Kentucky, with locations in Brandenburg, Lexington, Madisonville, Elizabethtown, Somerset, Richmond, Shelbyville, Shepherdsville, and Dunnville. BluMine Health provides care to dozens of clients, covering 20,000 individuals and their families. Since 2019, BluMine Health has partnered with Baptist Health, the leading healthcare provider in Kentucky and southern Indiana, to provide additional services such as hospital care and physical therapy to its clients. BluMine Health is expanding its services throughout the Ohio River Valley, establishing a clinic in Jeffersonville, IN, and announcing an expansion into Ohio in August 2021.

Like many small businesses, BluMine Health is active in its community. Locally, BluMine Health regularly supports nonprofit organizations and sponsors charity events, such as the Kentucky Harvest fifth annual golf tournament. They are actively involved with industry and business organizations, including the chamber of commerce and the Health Enterprise Network, Louisville's regional healthcare business network. As a healthcare provider, BluMine Health stepped up to meet the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. They continued to offer in-person care and adapted to provide telemedicine service, with telehealth appointments surpassing 40 percent of their medical delivery. Through their partnership with Baptist Health, BluMine Health provided a COVID-19 workplace reopening service, enabling local businesses to create and maintain healthy workplaces as lockdowns lifted.

BluMine Health, LLC is a notable example of the critical role that small, community-oriented healthcare providers play in their communities. Local medical practices like BluMine Health form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities in times of crisis. Congratulations to Michael and the entire team at BluMine Health, LLC. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky and beyond.●

#### RECOGNIZING DAN-O'S SEASONING

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business and Louisville staple, Dan-O's Seasoning of Louisville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Like many college students, Dan Oliver knew nothing about cooking. One day, while seasoning chicken, he threw together some spices and cooked the best chicken he had ever had. That spice blend planted the seeds for what would become Dan-O's Seasoning. Over the next 15 years, whenever he cooked for friends and family, Dan used his original spice recipe. After a career in the professional sector, Dan joined the restaurant industry as a cook and bartender. Dan, an aspiring entrepreneur, used his passion for cooking to develop what he called his "million-dollar idea:" selling his signature seasoning mix. Two years—and nearly 200 modifications later—Dan-O's Seasoning launched in 2017.

Today, Dan-O's Seasoning is a thriving company selling products nationwide. The business is based in Louisville, where Dan and his team prepare and package the product. Initially, Dan traveled across Kentucky selling his seasoning at trade shows and flea markets. The low-sodium, sugar-free, 100-percent natural seasoning was a hit, with sales doubling every year. Dan-O's Seasoning was soon available at Louisville-area stores and online. Like many small business owners, Dan adapted to overcome the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. With the trade show circuit closed, he turned to social media to keep his business afloat. After a video clip went viral on TikTok, a video creating and sharing platform, Dan-O's gained thousands of new customers and increased its sales more than tenfold. Their success was profiled in several local and national outlets, including WDRB, the Louisville Courier-Journal, Louisville Business Journal, and BuzzFeed. And in March 2021, Dan-O's exponential growth led to their products being sold at Kroger's, a regional supermarket chain located in the Midwest and South.

Like many small business owners, Dan is actively involved in his commu-

nity. Locally, Dan-O's Seasoning regularly supports community organizations, including the Louisville V.F.W. Post 6182, the Permanently Disabled Jockey Fund, and the Boone County Cancer Society. When the company hosts events, like its annual cornhole tournament, they prioritize working with local small businesses. Notably Dan-O's Seasoning sponsors several athletes, including NASCAR drivers, dirt-track racers, tournament fishers, cornhole players, and NCAA athletes. In June 2021, Dan earned the Silver Fleur-De-Lis Award from the Greater Louisville, Inc. Metro Chamber of Commerce, recognizing his company's exponential growth and innovative marketing tactics.

Dan-O's Seasoning is a remarkable example of how hard work, ingenuity, and discipline can turn a dream into reality. Small businesses like Dan-O's Seasoning form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Dan and the entire team at Dan-O's Seasoning. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky and beyond.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DAVE HUTTON

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing Dave Hutton of Flathead County as Montanan of the Month for his dedication to serving the Kalispell community as a parking officer.

Dave brings a positive and upbeat attitude to one of the most thankless jobs in the Flathead Valley. Whether it is a sweltering July day or a snowy December morning, Patrolman Dave greets every Montanan he meets with a smile.

It is the simple things that make Dave a model Montanan. Locals have seen him stop in roadways to protect pedestrians from oncoming traffic, and he is often spotted chatting with local shop owners who are always excited to see a friendly face.

One early June morning, Dave was rounding a corner on Main Street and noticed a line of debris littering the street and blocking the sidewalk. Unbeknownst to him, the night before, a reckless drunk driver had driven off the road damaging thousands of dollars in property. Instead of ignoring the mess, Dave took the initiative to stop and clean up the area.

This silent service to the community was just one of many in his tenure. Through his kindness and positivity, Patrolman Dave has made a lasting impression on the citizens who live, work, and shop in Kalispell.

It is my honor to recognize Dave for his dedication to the Kalispell community and for doing the small, silent acts of service that are often forgotten. Keep up the great work, Dave.●